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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : House Space Committee Invitation to
Soviet Official

1. This memorandum is for your information.
2. The attached extract from "Space Daily" of 12 January 1967 is forwarded for information. You will note that among the foreign scientists invited to participate in the Panel on Science and Technology, during the period 24-26 January 1967, is Dr. Dzherman M. Gvishiani, deputy chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology of the USSR.
3. The Space Daily extract then proceeds to attribute to the "CIA-sponsored book, "The Penkovskiy Papers," a statement which leads one to believe Gvishiani is a KGB agent. The passage, which Space Daily quotes out of context, actually appears on page 176 of "The Penkovskiy Papers" and reads as follows:

"The Chief of our Foreign Directorate, Dzherman Mikhaylovych Gvishiani, seemingly does not belong to any intelligence source. However, if one recalls the fact that Gvishiani's father was a distant relative of Stalin's and a KGB general, one can assume that our Gvishiani is also connected with the KGB. Unfortunately, I cannot be positive about it. Many of our KGB neighbors brag about their status, but Gvishiani is more careful about this."

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4. You will recall that in an information memorandum to the DCI, noted by you on 4 January 1967, entitled "Alleged Unauthorized Disclosure by Representative George P. Miller," it was noted that Congressman Miller had made certain remarks to the press which were felt to be unfortunate, but not actually harmful. The remarks were construed by the press as being an official acknowledgement that the U. S. is using reconnaissance satellites over the Soviet Union. The Congressman is Chairman of the House Space Committee and thus host of the Panel of foreign scientists.

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Attachment

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